

RE: Water Restrictions and Enforcement Measures

On April 1, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown issued an Executive Order mandating a Statewide reduction in water use by 25%. On May 5, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted an Emergency Regulation to curtail water usage of urban water suppliers. This regulation, in effect from June 2015 through February 2016, **requires the City of Healdsburg to reduce water use by 24% on a monthly basis, as compared to water usage in 2013.**

The City of Healdsburg is committed to complying with the State's mandates and supporting our residents in achieving the required reduction. Those cities that don't meet their water reduction requirement could be subject to a fine of \$10,000 per day from the State.

Because outdoor irrigation use is the #1 residential water use in Healdsburg, City Council voted to expand the Stage 2 Mandatory Water Conservation Measures (HMC 13.12.220) on May 18, 2015.

Outdoor watering is now limited to only Tuesday and Friday between Midnight to 7am and 8pm to Midnight.

In order to enforce these water restrictions, the city will issue two warnings with a door tag OR letter identifying prohibited water use. The intent of the warnings is to inform utility customers of the water regulations, ways to take corrective action, and an opportunity to comply with the City's code. Noncompliance will result in **a third violation and a fine will be issued of up to \$1,000 per day**, formal Code Enforcement (HMC 1.2.030) action. **This could also result in the termination of water service to the property.**

Full details on water use restrictions, prohibited water use, and enforcement can be found on our website at www.cityofhealdsburg.org.

The City of Healdsburg is offering workshops to educate utility customers including water irrigation efficiency, drought tolerant landscaping, creating a water-wise home, as well as water saving tips and water conservation rebates. All of this information can be found on our website, www.cityofhealdsburg.org. In addition, we have launched a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SmartLivingHealdsburg, where we will continue to offer information on conservation. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call 707-431-3346 for information.

We need to use water wisely and appreciate your efforts to follow the conservation measures and reduce your monthly water use by 24%.

Sincerely,

City of Healdsburg

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WATER RESTRICTIONS NOW IN EFFECT

- Utilize water conservation incentives, as available, to replace inefficient plumbing fixtures and appliances with water efficient models
- Outdoor irrigation is limited to Tuesdays and Fridays only
- No outdoor irrigation water may be applied any day between the hours of 7am and 8pm
- Application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff is prohibited
- Application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hour after measureable rainfall is prohibited
- Correct and repair breaks or leaks within 72 hours of discovery or notification
- Washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, and other hard-surfaced areas is prohibited
- Washing a motor vehicle without a hose fitted with an automatic shut-off is prohibited
- Use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature except where the water is part of a recirculating system is prohibited
- Use of water from a fire hydrant for non-emergency use is prohibited
- Refilling of a swimming pool except when topping off to prevent damage to pump and filter equipment is prohibited
- Use of potable water for dust control, compaction, and other construction purposes is prohibited